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SUBJECT: TENURE OF NEW FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. AT DINNER FOR VISITING PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER (JANUARY 27) NEW FOREIGN MINISTER RAUL QUIJANO CONFIDED PRIVATELY TO ME THAT HE DOES NOT EXPECT TO BE FOREIGN MINISTER LONG. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO TAKE THE JOB ON A STOP-GAP BASIS BECAUSE GOVERNMENT WANTED A CAREER OFFICER OF EXPERIENCE TO SETTLE DOWN FOREIGN MINISTRY. QUIJANO SAID HE PLANS TO KEEP HIS APARTMENT IN NEW YORK AND TO ASK UN TO KEEP HIS JOB OPEN ON THE SECRETARIAT. APPARENTLY HIS WIFE IS REMAINING IN NEW YORK FOR THE TIME BEING. HE PLANS TO VISIT NEW YORK FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7.

2. CONSUL GENERAL INFORMS ME THAT QUIJANO HAS ASKED FOR A VISA FOR A DOMESTIC SRVANT WHO APPARENTLY WILL BE EMPLOYED IN HIS

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NEW YORK APARTMENT.

3. QUIJANO ASKED, OF COURSE, THAT THIS INFORMATION BE HELD VERY
CLOSE AND MOST ESPECIALLY THAT IT NOT BECOME AVAILABLE TO HIS
ARGENTINE COLLEAGUES.

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